

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 30, 2003

IN RE:

COMPLAINT OF AENEAS COMMUNICATIONS AGAINST  
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS IN WEAKLEY COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE

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DOCKET NO.  
02-00438

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ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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This case is before the Hearing Officer on the *Joint Request to Suspend Procedural Schedule* filed by Aeneas Communications ("Aeneas") and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC ("Citizens") on July 29, 2003.

Aeneas and Citizens assert that they are finalizing a settlement, which involves, *inter alia*, the establishment of a direct connection between the parties and the execution of an agreement for the exchange of local traffic. According to Aeneas and Citizens, the completion of these undertakings will render moot the issues raised in the complaint, and the complaint will then be withdrawn. Aeneas and Citizens seek an indefinite suspension of the Procedural Schedule, subject to a request by any party to reopen the proceedings. They contend that the intervenors, US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. and the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association, do not object to the request.

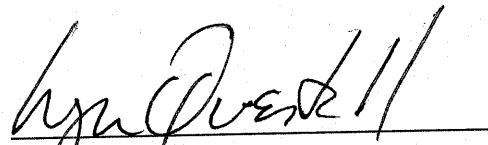
In order to facilitate settlement, the Procedural Schedule is hereby suspended. This docket shall be reopened at the request of any party. If the complaint is not withdrawn within ninety (90) days from the entry date of this order, Aeneas and Citizens are directed to file, on that date, a status report detailing the progress of their settlement negotiations.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The *Joint Request to Suspend Procedural Schedule* filed by Aeneas Communications

and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC is granted.

2. Aeneas Communications and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC are directed to file, no later than ninety (90) days from the entry date of this order, a status report on the progress of their settlement negotiations, provided that the complaint in this matter has not been withdrawn by that time.

  
Lynn Questell  
Hearing Officer